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Regional Medical Campuses Organization

1. How is regional campus system organized currently?

Indiana University (IU): Consists of 9 regional campuses, including main campus in Indianapolis; previously, regional campuses only trained M3s-4s, but as of next year, all but one will host students for all four years.

University of Oklahoma (OU): Main campus at Oklahoma City (all 4 years, 130 students), regional campus at Tulsa (special community medicine for M3s-4s, 30 students)

University of Miami (UM): Main campus in Miami, regional campus in Boca Raton/West Palm Beach. As part of new 4yr MD/MPH program, transitioning to set up with preclinical years in Miami, clinical years in Boca Raton/West Palm Beach

2. Are organizations at different campuses chapters of a single organization? Or does each organization function as a separate entity, with its own executive group?

IU: Organizations largely function separately from one another, but encourage, esp. those in Indianapolis, to make meetings available by polyconferencing and livestreaming events. For certain events/activities, students do drive to Indianapolis, e.g. student-run clinic is in Indianapolis, and days are blocked off on schedules at regional campuses to allow students to participate.

OU: Student groups at each campus function as different entities, especially for specialty interest groups

UM: Most student organizations will be based in Miami, with representatives at regional campus,

3. Do organizations communicate with one another across different campuses? If so, how?

IU: See above; groups communicate regularly through polyconferencing

OU: Organizations do communicate, especially for planning larger events, facilitated by fact that Tulsa and OKC are only 1 hr apart, allow students to attend events at both campuses. Communication primarily via email, also by teleconferencing as needed.

UM: Still in process, but usually a liaison from the regional campus would serve on executive board of organization. During meetings, liaison would conference call in.

4. Do organizations hold joint meetings? Joint events? How are these conducted and managed?

OU: See above, main shared events include end-of-year awards, ceremonies, annual student conference, graduation, with all shared events occurring in OKC.

UM: Remains to be seen; for meetings, may hold informal ones separate, and come together to discuss larger events. For events, due to distance between campuses, most events will be separate, but not exclusive, e.g. larger events in Miami regularly attended by regional campus students.

5. How do you deal with issues related to campus chapters/representatives of national organizations, e.g. OSR, AMA, AMSA?

IU: AMA spans all nine campuses, with representatives at each campus. AMWA is the only other organization with national representation. Groups regularly collaborate, but there is no executive board that oversees the organization as a whole. For OSR, representatives are elected through yearly elections, open to all, though majority of applicants come from Indianapolis. Discussions in place to expand number of OSR reps/school.

OU: Each campus has their own AMA, AMSA etc. chapters. Regarding OSR, students are elected irrespective of campus, and may come from either site. OSR is debating updating membership limit (currently 4 reps/school) to account for regional campuses.

UM: With regards to OSR, plan is to always have representation from both campuses, i.e. liaisons, that will work together with regards to attending meetings, representation etc. Similar process likely for AMA and AMSA

6. If organizations do work collaboratively across campuses, what benefits has this provided? What challenges have arisen?

OU: Benefits of higher participation and unity amongst campuses; challenges of organizing details, need to take extra care to communicate

UM: TBD

7. If organizations charge dues, how are these dues collected and distributed? Do the all the dues from one campus stay at that organization? Or are they re-allocated by size?

IU: All dues collected by an organization stay at that campus

OU: Each campus has its own dues for student organizations, not shared or re-allocated

UM: Only group collecting dues is AMA, and funding usually stays at that campus, used to help fund travel to meetings, no plans for reallocation

8. If your school charges an activity fee to support student organizations, does all money stay at the campus it was collected? Or is it all pooled into one account and re-allocated regardless of location?

IU: Fees that each student pays for student activities stay at his or her home campus.

OU: Activity fees are part of tuition, re-allocated according to campus size

UM: All students pay same fee, and each student government will receive portion of this relative to number of students on campus.

9. With regards to student government, does each campus have its own respective council, i.e. president, VP, treasurer etc.? Or is there one council across all campuses? How does voting work?

IU: Student government is among most well-formed statewide student groups, incorporates representatives from every class at every campus, class officers (from any campus) and executive officers (from any campus). General meetings held with polyconferencing technology. Voting is done by each individual campus, except for class officer and executive officer positions. Voting will be revisited in next couple of years.

OU: Each campus has its own group of class officers. There is a Student Council that is based in OKC that represents both campuses. Voting for officers is done across the two campuses, and follows a popular vote model, rather than an electoral college model.

UM: Each campus has its own reps, treasurer, secretary etc, but there is only one president of the student government, one regional campus liaison. Voting takes place with an automated form, and regardless of what campus attended, students vote for entire student government.